

CHINA



MAIL.

Established February, 1845.

With which is incorporated The "Hongkong Evening Mail and Shipping List." Published every Evening.

Vol. XXXIV. No. 4824. 號九十月二十年八十七百八千一英 HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1878.

日六十月一十年寅戊

Price, \$24 per Annum.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES, HENRY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 162, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—LEON DE ROUX, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAM & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HENNING & Co., Manila.

CHINA:—Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co. Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDER & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. and KIELY & WALKER. Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELL, Esq. A. MOLYNEUX, Esq.
H. L. DAINFELD, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
H. HOFFMANN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq.
Hon. W. KERRICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EVERETT CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879. Central and Pin Fire—CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA-MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS. Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS. Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VETRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA. CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!! CHRISTMAS!!!

ROSE & Co. have received, ex Argyle, Estonia, and French and English MAILS.

A WELL-SELECTED STOCK, comprising:—

LADIES' TRIMMED and UNTRIMMED FRENCH BONNETS and HATS.

FRENCH FLOWERS and FEATHERS. FANCY TIES and SCARFS.

PLAIN and FANCY LINEN and LACE SETS.

NEW RIBBONS and LACES. SUNSHADES, in all the Newest Patterns.

FRENCH MANTLES and SHAWLS. DRESS MATERIALS in all the Leading Shades, with VELVETTES and TRIMMINGS to match.

BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, New Shades.

CHILDREN'S FANCY WOOL WRAPS, COSTUMES, and EMBROIDERED PELISSES, WOOL GAITERS, HOSIERY, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS, HOSIERY, SCARFS and TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, TRAVELLING RUGS, &c.

BED and TABLE LINEN. TAPESTRY and CROQUETTE HANGINGS, in all the New Shades and Designs.

TABLE CLOTHS and COVERS, to match.

EIDER DOWN QUILTS.

A Good Selection of MECHANICAL and other TOYS and GAMES, including ROCKING and VELOCIPED HORSES, CHILDREN'S FRENCH PERAMBULATORS.

DOLLS' FRENCH PERAMBULATORS. LAWN TENNIS and CROQUET SETS. TENNIS MARKERS and BALLS.

THE CLEOPATRA, ROULETTE, MAGIC FISH, &c., &c. BONBON and CRACKERS, in Great Variety.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEARS' GIFTS for Ladies and Gentlemen, in the Latest Novelties and Inventions.

Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja1

S A M U E L S T U L T Z

HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRUS," AND HAS FOR SALE—

NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds.

TABLE CLOTHS and TABLE NAPKINS. HATS in every STYLE.

DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, December 11, 1878. ja11

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES

—AND— PRESENTS.

PLUM PUDDINGS. CHRISTMAS CAKES. MINCEMEAT.

SMYRNA FIGS. ELVAS PLUMS. CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.

DRAGEES. French and English BONBONS. CHOCOLATE for DESSERT.

ASSORTED COCAQUES. TELEPHONE CRACKERS. CONFERENCE CRACKERS.

AQUARIUM CRACKERS. French and English TOYS.

MECHANICAL TOYS. DOLLS, in latest Parisian Costumes.

SWIMMING DOLLS. DOLLS' PORTMANTEAUX.

DANCING and WALKING DOLLS. PUNCH and JUDY SHOW.

ROCKING HORSES. MUSICAL BOXES.

TEA and DINNER SETS. NOAH'S ARKS.

WHEELBARROWS. GUNS and SWORDS.

SPADES and PAIRS. BARREL ORGANS.

French ALBUMS. LADIES' DRESSING CASES.

GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES. WORK BASKETS and BOXES.

LADIES' COMPANIONS. PHOTOGRAPH FRAMES.

CARD RECEIVERS. STATUETTES.

Bohemian FLOWER VASES. PHAROAH WRITING CABINETS.

SCENT CASES in Velvet and Crystal. RUSSIA POCKET BOOKS.

MOROCCO CIGAR CASES. Electro-Plated SCISSORS in Cases.

BIBLES. PAINT BOXES, Fitted. TOILET BOTTLES and VASES.

ANEROIDS. CROCODILE SCENT CASES. CIGAR BOXES.

WRITING DESKS. MEERSCHAUM PIPES.

LATEST DESIGNS in Electro-Plated WARE. MARK TWAIN'S SCRAP BOOKS.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, November 28, 1878.

Intimations.

W. KERR TAYLOR, HOUSE AND SHIP PAINTER, DECORATOR.

GLASS EMBOSSED and GILDING. No. 8, Lyndhurst Terrace, HONGKONG. December 9, 1878. ja9

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS and TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

WONG CHIU, PHOTOGRAPHER. No. 84, Queen's Road, HONGKONG. (Opposite the P. & O. Co.)

CHINESE VIEWS FOR SALE AT MODERATE PRICES. December 11, 1878. ja11

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, B. E. ADMIRAL ALBERT P. RYDER, and to R. I. H. THE GRAND DUCHE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

UNDER the Management of D. K. GRIFFITH, recently of the W. & A. BRYNTYPE Co. Enlargements are now being made in PERMANENT PICTURES, Guaranteed to be indestructible by time or climate and at Prices very little more than were charged for the old perishable Silver Prints.

Amongst the Novelties is a quick-acting instrument for the production of Children's Portraits.

ALL STYLES of PHOTOGRAPHY! Taken Daily at Moderate Charges. Studio, QUEEN'S ROAD, Nearly opposite The Hongkong Hotel. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED. NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, pro tem. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 27th inst. to the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive. A. NEWTON, Manager. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja9

Intimations.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS. ORDERLY ROOM, 17th December, 1878.

THE CORPS will PARADE for a Field Day at Kowloon on THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 o'clock a.m., on the VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND. HELMETS to be Worn. Members who keep their Arms, &c., in the Orderly Room should be there by 9.30 a.m.

There will be a Preliminary DRILL on SATURDAY Next, the 21st instant, at 4 o'clock p.m. All Members are requested to attend. HELMETS to be Worn.

A. COXON, Captain-Commandant H. K. V.

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Shortly expected from England, an Elegant Assortment of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS. Hongkong, November 28, 1878. ja1

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next. The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.

W. M. B. ARTHUR, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

Auctions.

WINE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, without reserve (in order to close Consignments), on

SATURDAY, the 21st December, at Noon, in their Sales Room, Praya—

21 Cases quarts JULES CAMUS'S CHAMPAGNE, Grand Vin Extra, Dry. And a few Cases of LAFITTE & Co.'s CLARETS, comprising: Chateau Latour, St. Emilion, Bonnes Graves and Medoc. Above WINES are in First-rate Condition, and will be sold in quantities to suit Purchasers.

Hongkong, December 16, 1878. ja1

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & Co. to sell by Public Auction, by Order of the Mortgagees, on or about the 20th JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SCREW STEAMSHIP

"A M E R I C A," of 563 Tons Net Register, Built in 1873 by Messrs J. and R. SWAN, of Dumbarton, and Engine by Messrs. Tod and McGregor, of Glasgow, with Compound Vertical Direct-Acting Surface-Condensing Engines of 90 Horse-Power (nominal), working up to 450 H.P. effectual; Consumption of Coal (Cardiff), about 8 Tons; Speed, about 8 Knots; Capacity of Bunkers, 180 Tons; Diameter of Cylinders, 25 and 48 inches; Boiler Multitubular; Length 210 feet 3 in.; Breadth, extreme, 26 feet 7 in.; Depth of Hold, Tonnage Deck to Ceiling, 20 feet 9 in.; Spar Deck, Deck to Deck, 6 feet 7 in.; Draft, light, 9 feet; loaded, 17 feet; D. W. Capacity, including Bunkers, 1,100 Tons, or 16,500 Pounds exclusive of Bunkers; Class, Lloyd's 90 A1; Water Ballast; Tween Decks laid; 3 Steam Winches, and HARTFILL'S Patent Windlasses; Saloon amidships for 10 Cabin Passengers and Cabin aft, for 3. Boilers retubed in Hongkong in June, and the Hull and Machinery now in first-class order.

Spare Engine Gear and Coal to be Sold SEPARATELY.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs. BIRLEY & Co., or the AUCTIONEERS, where Inventory and Plan of the Vessel can be seen.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half Cash on fall of the hammer. The Balance on completion of Transfer, expenses of which are to be borne by the Purchaser. The Ship and Inventory, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk at fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE, Auctioneers. Hongkong, November 18, 1878. ja20

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "SOMERSETT" Captain POCKLEY, will be despatched as above on the 28th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de28

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Chartered Steamship "ZAMBOANGA," will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de28

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The Steamship "GLENLYN," Captain QUARTY, due here on the 18th instant, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 13, 1878. de20

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The British Steamer "BURMESE," shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 13, 1878. de20

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & DUNEDIN (N.Z.) The British Barque "HOTSPUR," Capt. SHAW, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, November 11, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The 3/3 L. L. 1. Swedish Bark "ALMA," Captain O. OHLSSON, will be despatched as above on or before the 10th January, 1879.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA. The A 1 American Ship "DON QUIXOTE," Captain KING, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. de33

FOR HONOLULU. The A 1 American Bark "CRUSADER," Captain INGRAM, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. de30

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "S. R. BEARSE," Captain OAKES, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878. de30

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "MIN-Y-DON," Captain LESLIE, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 British Bark "MONNET," Capt. BRISSET, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de36

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "AMY TURNER," Captain NEWELL, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, November 26, 1878. de36

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 German Bark "MANILA II," GONNER, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here for the above Ports and will be despatched on or about the 5th January.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG. The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark "CONDOE," STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The American Ship "FLEETWING," GUEST, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark "MEROUY," D. THOMAS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 American Ship "MELROSE," PLUMER, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 2, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 German Bark "NIAGARA," PAUSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 2, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

M. R. H. VERNON begs to announce that he will shortly take his **FAREWELL BENEFIT**, on which occasion he will be assisted by the **AMATEUR DRAMATIC COES**, who have kindly given their valuable services.

COMEDY AND OPERA FOR **MR. H. VERNON'S FAREWELL BENEFIT**. Particulars shortly. Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. **L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.**
Ex "Pei Ho."
N.M.K. (in diamond) 54/5 Imp. Aldridge, V.S.O. Salmon & Co., from London, 2 cases Millinery.
K.J. (in diamond) 10, Order, 1 case Haber-L.S.O. dachery, from London.
J.B.S. 12, Order, 1 case Flannel, from London.
S.J.C. 856, Order, 1 case Merino, from London. Hongkong, December 5, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. RINDE and DJEMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Ryphra*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-MORROW, the 13th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 19th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. **L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.** Hongkong, December 12, 1878.

FOR SALE.

NOTICE.

COKE AND TAR FOR SALE, IN QUANTITIES TO SUIT PURCHASERS. Apply at the **GAS WORKS**, West Point. **A. NEWTON, Manager.** Hongkong, November 5, 1878. ja1

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each. **CHINA MAIL OFFICE.**

Intimations.

SUBMARINE DIVING.

CAPTAIN W. CLARK has all the necessary Appliances for SALVING OPERATIONS, and is prepared to undertake Contracts to work at Wrecks to the Depth of 20 Fathoms.

For particulars as to terms, &c., apply to **LANE, ORAWFORD & Co.** Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja8

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

FORTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison.—Meyer & Co.

FARREY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gonyou.—Landstein & Co.

NABER, British barque, Capt. W. L. Beyer.—Messageries Maritimes.

FIRTH OF FORTH, British barque, Capt. J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain James Beer.—Captain.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain O. Jeschu.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

AGRIUS B. BALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

OLIVE, British steamer, Captain N. Frowde.—Borneo Company, Limited.

S. R. BEARDS, American barque, Capt. A. E. Oakes.—Russell & Co.

FRAXION, British barque, Captain H. Egbeel.—Wider & Co.

GRIFALDE, British barque, Captain John Le Gouter.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FRANCIS ANTHONY, British barque, Capt. H. Willis.—Chinese.

KYRIE, Norwegian barque, Captain Ole Larsen.—Meyer & Co.

MAID OF JUDAS, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Messageries Maritimes.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.
TWENTY-THIRD MEETING.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY,
23RD AND 24TH DECEMBER, 1878.

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1878.
FIRST RACE—1 P.M.—Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Borneo Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China and Japan.

SECOND RACE—1.30 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outrigged Boats excluded.

THIRD RACE—2 P.M.—The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE—3 P.M.—"Ladies' Purse." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Round Stake Boat and back to Flag Ship. Entrance \$5.

SIXTH RACE—3.30 P.M.—For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE—4 P.M.—International Race. "Challenge Cup," presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for Four Oared Canton Cutters. To be won two consecutive years before being held. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE—For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

SAILING RACE—For Sailing Ships' Boats only. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE—For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1878.
FIRST RACE—1 P.M.—For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day and Outrigged Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE—1.30 P.M.—For House Boats. Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE—2 P.M.—"Members' Cup," presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club—for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

FOURTH RACE—2.30 P.M.—For Men-of-War Cutters. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE—3 P.M.—Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Police Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" excluded.

SIXTH RACE—3.30 P.M.—For Officers of H.M.S. *Iron Duke* against Fleet in Harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE—For all open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE—For Yachts over 20 tons. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

YACHT RACE—For Yachts not exceeding 12 Tons. Entrance \$3. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per Ton. Prize presented by the Hongkong Yacht Club.

DUDLEY C. TRAVERS, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club. Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de24

OFFICE OF THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in consequence of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co. having suspended payment, the Board of Directors of the above Company, at a SPECIAL MEETING held at the Head Office TO-DAY, the 9th Inst., Appointed Mr J. BRADLEY SMITH as General Agent, pro tem, by whom all Business of the said Company will be transacted.

To Confirm the Action of the Board of Directors with Reference to the Appointment of Mr J. BRADLEY SMITH as Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 18th January, 1879, at 8 o'clock in the Afternoon, when an audited Statement of the Affairs of the Company will be submitted.

By Order of the Board,
WM. REINERS, Chairman. Hongkong, December 9, 1878. ja13

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply **BEFF, MUTTON**, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—Wellington Street, opposite the Cathedral.
—Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE.
FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, Dr EASTLAKE will receive his Patients at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the Market Hall.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Intimations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS,
Deceased.

IT is hereby notified that Probate of the last Will and Testament of JOAO JOAQUIM DOS REMEDIOS, Deceased, was Granted to the Underigned on the 25th day of November, 1878.

(Signed) J. H. DOS REMEDIOS,
D. A. DOS REMEDIOS,
M. O. DO ROZARIO,
A. A. DOS REMEDIOS.
Hongkong, December 14, 1878. ja14

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA (Direct).
The Spanish Steamer "MARIVELES,"
MUNOS, Master, will be despatched as above, on SATURDAY Next, the 21st Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **REMEDIOS & Co.** Hongkong, December 17, 1878. de21

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
The Steamship "ALBANY,"
Capt. F. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.** Hongkong, December 19, 1878. de21

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOOW.
The Steamship "YESO,"
Capt. S. ASHTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAPELLE & Co.** Hongkong, December 19, 1878. de22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "IRAOUADY,"
Commandant GAUVAIN, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.
L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent. Hongkong, December 10, 1878.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
The Company's Steamship "POLKA,"
Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.
L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent. Hongkong, December 10, 1878.

TO BE LET.

THE HOUSE at the Western end of the ALBANY.
For Particulars, apply to Messrs LINSTED & Co. Hongkong, December 19, 1878. de23

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.SATURDAY EVENING,
December 21st, 1878.

TWO OPERAS.

SATURDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 21ST, 1878.

Will be produced for the First Time in Hongkong

LEONCE'S COMIO OPERA

"THE CRIMSON SCARF,"

AND

CHAS. LEOOQ'S OPERATIC EXTRAVAGANZA

"THE SEA NYMPHS; A ROMANCE OF A TIDAL TRAIN."

NEW SONGS—NEW DRESSES.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

CORALINE—PEARLINE.

(Two Sea Nymphs sent in a rush moment, by their friends to a Flurry-shing School at Pechuam.)

MISS OLGA STANLEY,

MISS FLORENCE HOWE.

FRITH—JONES,

(Engineers in the service of the Ocean Cable Maintenance Co., Limited).

MR. H. VERNON, and Mr. J. ROLLINGS.

TWINKLE FIN, Miss B. DRAGGER.

BRASHER—TOSCHIO,

(Submarine monster in love with Coraline and Pechuam.)

MR. F. HAGEMAN, and Mr. H. PHILLIPS.

NARRINE,

(Ruler of the Waves when Britannia is otherwise occupied).

MR. G. ANDERSON.

Scene—Davy Jones's Locker.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs LANE, ORAWFORD & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

Prices of Admission:
Dress Circle or Orchestra Two DOLLARS.
Stalls One DOLLAR.
Pit One DOLLAR.
Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.
Hongkong, December 19, 1878. de22

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR NINGPO & SHANGHAI.
The Steamship "CHINA."

F. C. ACKERMANN, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 20th Inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to **SILVERMAN & Co.** Hongkong, December 19, 1878. de20

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 19, *China*, German steamer, from Canton.
Dec. 19, *Penedo*, British steamer, 652, J. Cain, Saigon Dec. 12, Salt, &c.—Messageries & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 19, *Quinta*, for Saigon.
19, *Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports.
19, *Commonwealth*, for Singapore.
19, *St. Andrew*, for Nicaragua.
19, *Breina*, for Batavia.

CLEARED.

Dirigo, for Hamburg.
John Potts, for Keelung.
Earl of Devon, for Rangoon.
Niagara, for San Francisco.
Janet, for Singapore.
Dolphin, for Fuyau (Cochin-China).
Sophia, for Guam.
Firth of Forth, for Rangoon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
For *Penedo*, from Saigon, 1 European, 109 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

For *Kwangtung*, for Foochow, Sub-lieut. J. F. Stuart, a. n. for Coast Ports, 1 European, and 100 Chinese.
For *Quinta*, for Saigon, 62 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

For *Janet*, for Singapore, 2 Europeans.
For *Dolphin*, for Fuyau, 12 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Penedo* reports: Light Easterly and N.E. winds first two days after leaving port, thence to port strong monsoon with a high head sea.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—
For **SHANGHAI**—Per *Huai Yuen*, at 1.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th Inst.
For **BANGKOK**—Per *Danube*, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For **NINGPO & SHANGHAI**—Per *China*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 20th Inst.
For **AMOY AND TAIWANFOO**—Per *Albany*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 21st Inst.

For **PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY, COOK-TOWN, MELBOURNE, &c.**—Per *Zambonga*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 28th Inst. 12 cent rates.
For **SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOOW**—Per *Yeso*, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Gedong* will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 20th Instant.—
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 21st Instant.—
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m. Registry of Letters closes. Posting of all printed matter ceases.
11 a.m. Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.40 a.m. Late Letters may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878. de21

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Pitho* will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Socor, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Antares.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 27th December.—
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, 28th December.—
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
Hongkong, December 12, 1878. de23

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.

The Australian Contract Packet *Somerset* will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th Instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.
The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Supplementary mail on board with 19 cent late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1878. de22

CARGOES.

For American barque *Bengal*, Hongkong to New York, called 10th December, 1878.—7,261 half-chests Tea (Amoy) 230,440 lbs., 297 half-chests Tea (Canton) 16,060 lbs., 1,107 half-chests Tea (Szechong) 55,209 lbs., 4,814 half-chests Tea (Oolong) 281,160 lbs., 510 boxes Tea (Oolong) 15,882 lbs., and 625 pkgs. Fire Crackers (5,000 boxes).
For S. S. *Glenearn*, from Canton Waters to London, called 18th December, 1878.—284,259 lbs. Congou, 80,949 lbs. Scented Capar, and 21,273 lbs. Sa. Or. Pekoe—total 386,481 lbs. Tea.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Shipping.
4 p.m.—*China* leaves for Ningpo, &c.

Miscellaneous.
Transfer Books of The Chinese Insurance Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 31st Instant, inclusive.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 21:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—Albany leaves for Amoy, &c.
Noon.—Wine Sale, at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s Sales Room, Praya.
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.
Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.

SUNDAY, December 22:—
Daylight.—Yess leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, December 23:—
1 p.m.—Regatta commences.

TUESDAY, December 24:—
1 p.m.—Regatta.

WEDNESDAY, December 25:—
Christmas.

THURSDAY, December 26:—
Volunteer Field Day.

FRIDAY, December 27:—
Transfer Books of the H. K. & O. Gas Co., Limited, closed from this date to 3rd Proximo, inclusive.

SATURDAY, December 28:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Noon.—Somerset leaves for Singapore, &c.
3 p.m.—Zambonga leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

TUESDAY, December 31:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SUNDAY, January 5:—
Mantic II leaves for San Francisco on or about this date.

have disgusted the Bishop, and it is scarcely a matter for wonder that the school was withdrawn from under the Grant-in-aid scheme on the following year.

This is what Mr Stewart thinks of the 200 attendances:—

Experience has shown the necessity of one or two modifications of the original scheme. It is now evident that the value of the passes should be raised, and a proposal to that effect will soon be offered for approval. It will also be proposed to pay for attendance. Regularity in itself a very valuable result, calling for much attention from all connected with a school, and being only attainable after considerable exertion. A payment, therefore, of so much per head on the average attendance will be included among the recommendations that are to be made. This, it is to be hoped, will satisfy the conductors of St. Xavier's Day School, now St. Joseph's English School, and induce them to reconsider their decision of declining to receive aid on the present conditions. On another point which presents an obstacle there may be some difficulty. It is objected to the present scheme that 200 daily attendances of 4 hours each in a year, is an excessive requirement, and that so much is not required elsewhere. It will of course rest with the Executive to say how far, if at all, it is desirable to make a retrogression in this direction, but a recommendation to that effect is not likely to be made. In agricultural and other districts where the services of the children are indispensable at certain seasons, it is only proper that due allowance should be made; but here, in the city of Victoria, there is nothing but a scholar's attendance. At present 112 days, exclusive of Sundays, are allowed for holidays and other causes of absence; and if that margin is not ample enough for all contingencies, it is difficult to see how we can stop short of allowing work to yield to play. On no other ground will any objection be offered, but firmness on this point seems to mean the difference between efficiency and inefficiency; between a school where education is considered a difficulty to be strenuously grappled with, and a school where only a certain routine of duty is considered sufficient.

REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "CHINA MAIL.")

(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

AN IMPORTANT CORRECTION.

The following has just been received from Singapore:—

Message dated 17th instant, (London, 16th) read:—

The House of Commons negatived the motion with a majority in favor of Government of 328 votes against 227.

LONDON, 18th December, 1878.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department in reply to a question admitted the distress in the country, but declared that the reports were exaggerated.

The House of Commons negatived the motion with a majority in favor of Government of 235 votes against 125.

Both Houses of Parliament have adjourned for the Christmas holidays until 13th February.

The Standard publishes a telegram from St. Petersburg stating that the Russian Mission to Kabul has been officially recalled.

* It is impossible to understand what motion is here referred to.—Ed. C.M.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Legislative Council will meet on Saturday, the 21st December instant, at 2 30 p.m.

The West Point Murder case, which is on the Calendar for the present Session, has been postponed sine die, until after the holidays.

We have been requested to state that entries for the sailing races for the Regatta should be sent either to Captain Burnie, or Mr D. C. Travers, addressed to the Hong-kong Club.

Two pieces will be performed by the English Opera Company on Saturday evening next, namely, the comic opera "The Criminal Scour," and the Operatic Extravaganza "The Nymphs."

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of a Chinaman named Ho Ah Yuen, who died from eating opium. Messrs J. T. Chater, B. Saporio, and C. Kock, comprised the Jury. The enquiry was adjourned until Friday next.

At the Marine Court to-day, Henry Butt, a seaman belonging to the Belgian steamer *Peruvia*, was charged by Mr Brooks, the Bri Officer, with being drunk and disorderly on board. Defendant admitted the charge, and having been cautioned to amend his behaviour, was ordered on board his ship again.

The Band of the 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officer's Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 8.45 p.m.:—

Overture, "Le Maçon," Aubert.
Selection, "Martha," Flotow.
Valse, "Sweetheart," D'Albert.
Reminiscences of *Baffin*, ...
Spanish Dance, ...
Waltz, "The Swan," ...
Mr J. Byrnes, Bandmaster.

SUPPORTERS of the do-nothing foreign policy of Mr Gladstone will be apt to experience some difficulty in forgiving the author of the stupid mistake conveyed in the telegram of the 16th. Many residents, generally sceptical when reasonable grounds existed, were thoroughly convinced this time that Renter was correct because the telegram was consistent throughout; but the wise father of all our telegraphic woes has conclusively shown that a stupendous blunder can be dove-tailed into a message in a manner which may deceive the smartest expert. Another omission has been apparently made in the telegram of the 16th in which a second victory of the Government is recorded. It will be a subject of general satisfaction, however, to learn that the foreign policy of England remains unchanged, especially as regards Afghanistan and Russia.

EXECUTION OF NEWMAN.

Charles Newman suffered the extreme penalty of the law this morning for the murder of Silvano Gutierrez on the 8th August last. The wretched man has conducted himself very well in gaol since he was sentenced, and made a full confession that he had only been dissembling when he appeared to be insane. He was, he said, "only working his point," but this time he did not succeed in his endeavours to "work his point," being placed under such a strict surveillance that to continue playing the unrol part he was acting was far more than he could manage, strong-nerved and stubborn though he evidently was. Once he became aware that all doubts as to his sanity had been removed, the unhappy wretch bore himself manfully enough. His counsel had done all that was possible to clear him from the charge of wilful murder, but there was not a single point in his favour; the evidence was far too clear and damning. Ministers of religion have visited him since his condemnation, and at first he appeared averse to receive consolation, but latterly he has been in a better frame of mind. He professed the Protestant faith, and although Father Vignio visited him occasionally, it was more as a friend than as a Father Confessor. Up till yesterday he was looked upon as a Protestant, and the Rev. Mr Kidd has been in constant attendance upon him, but to the surprise of nearly everyone in the gaol, this morning Newman had professed himself to be a Roman Catholic, and requested that Father Vignio should be allowed to attend him in his last moments. The request was of course complied with; and the Colonial Chaplain withdrew. It would appear that the woman (Louisa Lookhart), who has been the indirect cause of his dreadful fate, induced the prisoner to turn Catholic. The prisoner slept during the night from 12 till 4. As the fatal hour approached he was engaged with Father Vignio in prayer. He expressed contrition for his offense, and appeared anxious to be at peace with all the world. He shook hands with many in the gaol, and asked Mr Tannock that his body should be given to some one whose name he did not learn. He had a glass of brandy before being pillowed, which operation was performed inside the Gaol. A few minutes before the time, he was brought down to the Gaol-yard, holding the crucifix in his hand. The sad procession left the gaol punctually at a quarter to 7, and a large number of Europeans were assembled outside the gaol; a posse of police (under Inspector Grey) guarding the approaches to the scaffold. Newman ascended the scaffold with a firm, unwavering step, and having taken his place on the drop, was blessed by Father Vignio. The prisoner then addressed the spectators, saying that he hoped his fate would prove an example to them; he admitted the justice of his sentence, remarking that he had had a warning, once, but had not profited by it. "I have now," he said, "stained against the law and against my God, and the law says that I must die. What Louisa Lookhart said was the truth, and I hope some one will look after her. I acknowledge my fault, and forgive all who have ever done me any injury. I wish you all good bye. Lord Jesus, receive my soul." The wretched man said these words in a firm and manly manner, and showed no signs of trepidation or fear; at the same time he appeared fully aware of the awfulness of his position, as well as truly penitent. The executioner pulled the cap over his head, and was adjusting the fatal noose, when Newman turned his head and directed him to shift the knot a little further back. The executioner did this, and asked him if that would do, when Newman said "Pull it a little tighter." The executioner then shook hands with the doomed man, who a moment more was struggling in his death throes. The drop was very short, not more than 4 feet 6; but the weight of the man tended to increase the shock of the fall and his neck was broken. He struggled very little, though life was not extinct for nearly five minutes. Newman's troubles began just this time last year; it was on the evening of the day of the Regatta of 1877 that he had the quarrel with Inspector Whithead, and had been taken a warning by that case, all might have been well. As it is, this morning's tragedy was the climax of a drinking bout and an immoral life. It is much to be hoped that the example may prove a warning to many.

Police Intelligence.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)
December 18, 1878.

HOANG, a Chinese, was charged with stealing a silver watch from the person of a woman in the street. The Jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour.

HOANG, a Chinese, was charged with stealing a silver watch from the person of a woman in the street. The Jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour.

HOANG, a Chinese, was charged with stealing a silver watch from the person of a woman in the street. The Jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour.

SUPREME COURT. IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)
18th Dec., 1878.

The Criminal Sessions were opened to-day. The Hon. the Attorney General, instructed by Mr Tolper, acting for the Crown Solicitor, presented the following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs A. Blocker, A. dos Remedios, V. A. Carvacho, E. Trall, M. da Souza, R. Schonberger, and J. M. Emanuel.

REGINA V. LI ASHING—CHILD STEALING.

The prisoner was indicted on two counts (1) child stealing and (2) stealing a pair of jade stone bangles. The evidence very conclusively proved the prisoner's guilt, and the Jury found him guilty of both counts. His Lordship, in sentencing the prisoner, remarked that the crime the prisoner had committed was about the worst he could commit, and sentenced him to 3 years' penal servitude, and to be once privately whipped 25 strokes on the back.

REGINA V. HO ASAM—LARCENY FROM THE PERSON AND RECEIVING.

The prisoner was charged with stealing a pair of silver-gilt earrings from the person of a woman in the street. The Jury found him guilty, and he was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour.

REGINA V. WONG AYUO—LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

The prisoner was indicted for stealing earrings from the person. The Jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour.

REGINA V. WONG AYAM.

The prisoner in this case was indicted for a similar offence; the Jury found him guilty and he was sentenced to a like term of imprisonment (9 months' hard labour.)

REGINA V. LAM PING CHU.

The prisoner in this case, a laukong, No. 153, was indicted on three counts for cutting and wounding one Lan Akew a married woman, and Pun Akow, a fellow constable, No. 160. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. The facts of the case are simply as follows: The prisoner had apparently gone to the house of the woman and stabbed her with a fan-dagger; he then it appears returned to the Police Station at Yowmahat, where he was stationed, and taking another of those treacherous weapons out of his box, commenced a murderous assault upon the laukong when he was caught in the act by Inspector Cameron. He would assign no reasons for the rash act, and has ever since behaved in a most strange manner. He simply denied having committed the offences with which he was charged, although caught in the act in one instance. The prisoner who had seen over 8 years' service as a Constable was found guilty but sentence was reserved. The Sessions were then adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

December 19, 1878.

Sir,—From the evidence produced in the recent trial for "unlawful possession of Stamps," the inference to be drawn is that natives cannot be trusted where there is not direct means of deterring dishonesty. Although no one has been found guilty, there is no doubt that the Government has been defrauded to an unknown extent. Positions of trust, I submit, are better filled by the employment of Englishmen, as cheap Asiatic labour has proved to be but too often very dear at the price.

Yours,

HONESTY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Dec. 17, 1878.

Sir,—I have written a story for your "Little Folks," would you favor me by inserting it in your "column for boys."

A man once told me there was such a place as H—K—; but I did not believe him, so I laughed at him and got galled for my impertinence; subsequently, however, I learned to repeat that name in a disconcerted manner and with a disagreeable nasal twang as one of "the islands on the East coast of Asia"—out of "Geography for the use of schools" of course; and long after, a traveller, "remote, unfriendly, melancholy slow," I landed one sunny morning on his beach, and painfully realized the existence of the island. Every thought connected with it from my earliest idea of it to the present moment has been a painful one. One may argue that all this is my own fault—that I should not have laughed at the gentleman; that I should have learned my school-boy lessons with more cheerfulness; and that I should when I reached the island have made more vigorous and better-directed efforts to amuse it; but—*cela est post rem, maintainant—expertis mea plura docet*, it is to be hoped. At any rate I little expected to find, on so small an island, on so rugged, cramped, and barren a mountain, and in so remote a place, such a complete miniature reproduction of the great world without its bickerings, its immorality, its hypocrisy, its vice; its money-grub, its swindling, and robberies; its colonies, its lies. Now on the other hand, had I anticipated the generous worth and virtue of a few whom I met; their kind charity and Christian feeling; their goodness of—but come in, children! don't be frightened—I was only thinking a little over things in general, as the Greeks had it; I come in, and I'll tell you a little story.

There was once upon a time a large, ant-hill, and what was most curious about this particular ant-hill was, that it was not composed of ants at all, of one description, as is usual in such communities, but was a medley, motley, nondescript, mixed gathering of all kinds of ants. There were the white ants who considered themselves the "Academy," and these white ants were themselves divided into several very exclusive grades of society according to the number of small white grains which each had stowed away for himself; so that an ant with 50,000 grains thought very small beer of him with 20,000, who in turn looked down with great contempt on him with 10,000, and so on down to him with 1,000, all who were looked upon as his perditional of sorts. But in this ant-hill there were, as I said before, all descriptions of ants;

white ants, black ants, light brown and dark-brown ants, yellow ants with tails and—by far the most numerous—"but an inferior class," not, but, an inferior class, I assure you," boys—were the yellow ants with tails. Now you have all seen ants running to and fro, but did any of you ever see an ant sitting in a chair? No—of yours not; but you mustn't laugh, for this is a serious story. Well, a very funny thing it was, that many of these ants, the ones with the most white grains of course, had little pieces of cane cut for themselves, and sitting across them with great pomp and dignity, were carried here and there by two, or it might be four, of the yellow ants with tails. Oh! it was a sight worth making you laugh, to watch one of the small little fellows, which they had scooped out of their hill; to see them with their ant-illia smoothed, their downy little hairs carefully brushed, swelling with pride, puffed out with self-importance, riding down the hill on their little bits of cane, borne along by their four long-tailed yellow fellows. The supreme, consummate variety of that little ant-hill! And if a strange white ant, from some far-off nest, happened to cross the path of these magnates, how scornfully they would move their feelers and how they would raise their little malicious hiss, (you have often heard ants hiss in the grass, boys), and make grimaces I am sure—but I could not see them, for their faces were too small to see—at all his ruffled ant-illia his poor little hairs brushed the wrong way and his feet, his harmless little feet, soiled with the clay on which they delighted to tread!

Well, there was one night a party of rascally, crime-hardened ants, made a raid on them from a neighbouring nest; a party of fellows with coarse hairs and very long three-pronged feelers; and what do you think! The guards were nearly all asleep, and those that were not, bolted, pretty freely; but these were mostly a class called "look-ons," so called no doubt from the fact of their always looking on and never doing anything, and so a great many white grains were carried away successfully. A couple of brave white ants went to the front indeed, but what could they do against numbers, and the result was that they were stung nearly to death, and one particularly brave ant was severely wounded and lost his eye in the encounter. It is to be hoped his fellow-ants rewarded him; I do not know for certain, but I fear ingratitude and selfishness prevail among ants as well as among men. But I must tell you about a great row that occurred in this little hive one day. The head ant of the lot was a great white ant who used to be carried about by four or six yellow ones, clothed in red, as was very proper for so great a dignitary. He seemed to be an independent sort of a fellow, and suffered none of your grain-proud, vanity-swollen ants to interfere with him. Certainly but for him this colony of ants would have been far worse off, for he was well liked by neighbouring nests, minded the true grain interests of his hill and altogether enriched it; G-d-fie was never a better Chancellor of the Exchequer than he was. In due course of time the great high-and-mighty council of the nation met to hold their "grand palaver," and the great ant whom they called the "Pope-ant" spoke very complacently, congratulated them upon how well they were doing, and entertained very encouraging hopes as to their brilliant future &c. &c. Now I must explain that these ants had a particular place where they confined their misdemeanours, and the great white ant thinking it rather small, for the misdemeanours were by no means few in number, thought it would be advisable to select a larger spot. It was the most natural suggestion in the world—*pro bono publico*—and for the life of me, I could not see any great plot in it; nor any covert desire to infringe upon the liberties of the colony, nor anything very overbearing, tyrannical, intriguing, jesuitical—and all the rest it—in the mere suggestion. But hereupon they all kicked up a general buzz-buzz. "We are not prepared for it," cried one; "we won't have it," shouts another; "we're not going to be bullied," roars a third, "we are not sorry to be trodden beneath your feet; it's an egotistical subject; go down to those yellow ants who are all lying so closely packed there below, and separate them" (which, by the bye, would be a very difficult and impossible thing for the great white ant to do just all at once, although he might make the attempt little by little, if they would only let him)—and besides there was to look after the them a ubiquitous white-ant of no small ability, the doctor-ant for the colony, who was always very active in the discharge of his duties, and spared no pains or labour to correct abuses among those yellow ants huddled together; "we have our liberties, and these we will never surrender," and a long string to the same purpose. And then this ant went on dilating upon the miseries of the yellow ants huddled together, a theme which, it struck me as strange, he had never broached until reform was pointed out in another direction. And many of the ants around gravely applauded and extolled his resistance to tyranny, and one, an outsider who styled himself Junius Junr, so that he must have been the very essence of youth and "young blood" itself, flourished darkly at his—drawn from the granum by means of a shillelagh! You'd think, to hear them talking, that the day of Brutus came back again, and that the great white ant who only wanted to enlarge the ant-prison was Tarquinus Superbus himself. "W. H. may I be blessed," said I, stifling my pocket-handkerchief into my mouth to try to stop the laughing, "if this isn't rich! The three talons of Tooley-street never equalled it. It's for all the world like our own little town council fighting about lamp-posts and cattle-pounds." And with that I came away and left them, and they may be at it yet for all I know. And I think it's time to go to bed, boys. And so we all went to bed.

M. MAC V. M.

Lightning travels nearly a million times faster than thunder. The speed of lightning is so great that it would go four hundred and eighty times round the earth in a minute, whereas the sound of thunder would go scarcely thirteen miles in the same space of time. Thunder will take a second to travel three hundred and eighty yards, hence a popular method of approximating the distance of a thunder cloud is as follows: Immediately you see the lightning flash put your hand upon your pulse and count how many times it beats before you hear the thunder; if it beats six pulsations it is two miles off, and so on. In the case of elderly people five pulsations would measure nearly the same period of time as six in the case of young persons.

Japan.

(Mail.)

It has been decided that in future His Majesty the Mikado will attend at the Daijokan (Council of State) during three days of each week, viz:—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. His Majesty was present at the Daijokan, each day this week. A telegram received in the capital announces that Hanabusa, the Japanese Envoy to Korea, and his suite, arrived at the port of Incheon, on the afternoon of the 29th ultimo.

Tanaka Yoshiro, the 1st Secretary of the Home Department, will shortly proceed to Ibaraki Ken to establish a salmon nursery there. On the revision of the Military system in 1873, it was decided that the standing army in time of peace should comprise 31,680 men, and when on a war footing 46,860 men, distributed in six garrison towns. It is now rumoured that this number is to be still further reduced, and in future, the six garrisons will give place to four *Shidon* (Divisional Camps) to be situated at Tokio, Osaka, Kumamoto and Sendai. The numerical strength of the four camps will be expected, he greatly reduced. Each of the above Divisions will have a Major General at its head. A number of Lieut. Generals have lately been promoted in rank, presumably to enable them to hold commands.

Colonel Yamazawa, who was present during the recent Russo-Japanese conflict, has just returned to Japan, and was admitted on the 8th inst. to the presence of His Majesty the Mikado, who, after hearing the Colonel's report, presented him with *Saké* and his usual accompaniments. It is rumoured, that the port of Yokohama is to be deepened and a new *Hatoba* constructed; also that a railway is to be built between the present Railway Station and the Custom House. Our readers will remember that this was one of the objects to which it was announced that a part of the Internal Loan was to be allotted.

The Okayama Ken has applied to the Agricultural Department for the loan of two sieves, similar to those used for making Black tea in China, in order that they may make experiments in the manufacture of black tea in that Ken next year. They had better leave these experiments alone—Japanese black teas do not pay.

It is intended to construct a railway from the Umeda Station in Osaka, to Wakayama in Kiushiu. Certain engineers have already commenced to survey the road. Leaving out of the question the railroad now under construction between Kioto and Otsu, this proposed extension to the railway system from Osaka to Wakayama will so far be of benefit, in that we know, not only from our own observation, but from native sources, that the construction of a line on this route would undoubtedly prove a genuine success, and be found to be of equal service, if not more useful, than its more southern projection.

It is said that the erection of an additional building to the Mint at Osaka, for the manufacture of Carbonate of Soda, has been commenced. The cost is estimated at about 40,000 yen.

Ah Woh, a Chinaman, who landed from the French Mail steamer *Polge*, which arrived in Yokohama on the 29th ultimo, had concealed in his pocket, about 24 *kin* of opium, which was noticed as he was passing the Eastern *Hatoba*. The Custom House officers confiscated the opium and conveyed Ah Woh to the police station, from whence he was delivered into the custody of the Chinese Consul.

TAQASAEI.

(Rising Sun.)

We are told that a considerable number of counterfeit twenty cent pieces are in circulation, and the fraud has been ingeniously effected by electroplating half sen, after the characters have been duly altered, we have not yet come across one of these "duffers," but it behooves everyone to keep their eyes open, more especially as we hear that, even in spite of the value of paper, it has been found a good speculation to counterfeit 20 sen satsum by altering the character in the corner of 10 sen satsum from ten into twenty, which is so neatly done as almost to avoid detection. Our informant, a Japanese, suggested that the copper-silver fraud originated with the Chinese, but our ever-increasing knowledge of Japanese skillfulness in imitation renders this doubtful.

REV. DR. WALTER SMITH ON THE BANK FAILURE.

The Rev. Dr. Walter C. Smith, of the Edinburgh Free High Church, on Sunday, preaching from the text "Having a power of godliness, but denying the power thereof," took notice of the failure. He referred to it as a criminal disaster, which would bring many innocent and trusting people to the poorhouse, come to the grave, and all to sore strain and difficulty. His heart pled, and that very core, for the widow and orphan, whose whole stay of life had gone with no help but in God's great pity. His heart pled for them, but he burned with no less indignation at those who had been using the armour of godliness to fight the devil's battles. Some people thought words he had used on a former occasion strong. He fancied none was of that mind now. Professing Christians, practising all devout respectabilities in going to church, and even bearing the vessels of the Lord on the Communion day, were all the while gambling away trust money and manipulating their books so that the lie could hardly be unravelled. If one could not speak soft words of such men, were they to be content with hard ones? Were the Churches to do nothing? Was public justice to be nothing? Was every petty rogue to get his due, and such gigantic frauds, fruitful of unpeppable misery, to be condoned? He troved not; he trusted not. While he judged no individual in the present state of their information, he would say that their faith in equal justice for high and low would be terribly shaken if this business was not so searched at the bar of righteous judgment as to vindicate those whose were innocent and fasten the guilt on the wrongdoers. This was no mere cry for vengeance; but in the interests of religion and social right it was necessary that the calm impartiality of judicial procedure should sift this crime to the bottom, and deal with it as the law required, for the prevention of like evils hereafter. As for the immediate sufferers, their religion was not worth the trouble of keeping up if steps were not at once taken to help the helpless in the day of their sore calamity. The latter lesson they ought to learn was not to trust themselves too much, but rather to watch and pray that they enter not into temptation, and whatever doubt they had let them have nothing to do with doubtful transactions. There

who were guilty here did not perhaps mean to work woe and ruin, but they did not take heed to beware of covetousness. They dreamed poverty more than prudence, and they no doubt hoped to put all right in the long run. But let them take heed to beware of covetousness. The craving for wealth and luxury and wasteful expenditure was eating the very soul out of us, and sapping our moral foundations.

A SNAKE IN THE GRASS.—In the colouring of artificial flowers and dyes are now largely used, as for instance, in dyeing dried and artificial grasses. These bronze-green and similar colours, now so much worn by ladies, are not "fixed," and when worn in bonnets, caps, wreaths, &c., the dye is apt to become transferred to the skin of the head, producing local symptoms which not only cause much annoyance by dyeing the skin, but may also induce unpleasant irritation, and even, under severe circumstances, inflammation. Of the reprehensibility of employing arsenical pigments in artificial flower-making there cannot be two opinions, if we go no further than the liability to chronic poisoning, or at any rate to seriously debilitated health, of the crowds of women and girls who are busy through every long working day in preparing the pretty floral ornaments which deck the head-gear of our wives and sisters. Legislation is much wanted on the subject, and in this age of progress in sanitation we hope to see in our own generation the passing of an Act which shall abolish the use of arsenic not only in wall papers, but in articles of wearing apparel.—*Sanitary Record*.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 19, 1878.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash... \$560
" credit, ...
" Old Patna, cash... 550
" credit, ...
" New Benares, cash... 630
" credit, ...
" Old Benares, cash...
" credit, ...
" New Malwa, cash... 730
" credit, ...
" Allowance Teals, 32
" Old Malwa, cash...
" credit, ...
" Allowance Teals, ...

Exchange.

Bank on demand, ... 3/6
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/7
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/7
Credits, ... 3/6
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/4
Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 251
Calcutta, do, ... 251
Shanghai, 30 days', ... 73
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 110 nom.
Sycee, ... 109
Mexicans, ... 1/2
Gold Loaf, 99 1/2 fine, ... 27.70
English Sovereigns, ... 5.52
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.52

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 61 1/2 prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Tls. 725
Chinese Insurance Co., \$380
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 1,250
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$380
China Fire Ins. Co., \$210
H.K. & W. Dock Co., \$8 1/2 prem.
H.K. & W. S.-boat Co., \$5 1/2 prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 17
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 102
Hongkong Gas Co., \$95
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$83
China Sugar Refining Co., 45
Chinese Imperial Loan, £108
Do, of 1877, £108

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Palmer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, December 19, 1878.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.210
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.138
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.180
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. ... 67
Do. 1 P.M. ... 72
Do. 4 P.M. ... 70
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 57
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 62
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 62
Do. Maximum ... 72
Do. Minimum overnight ... 62

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

AT HONGKONG:
When Name From.
left.
Mor.
28, Oracle, Liverpool
30, Bristolian, Antwerp
June
26, Underwriter, Fortress Mopoe
July
16, Annie Bow, Newcastle (N.S.W.)
18, Lorimer, Newcastle (N.S.W.)
18, Sydenham, London
21, Stant, Antwerp
27, Pilgrim, Cardiff
28, Abbey Cooper, Antwerp
30, Sumarille, Hamburg
31, Chamer, Cardiff
Aug.
1, Bury St. Edmunds, Penarth
7, Alfredo, Cardiff
9, Urania, Penarth
10, Corea, London
11, Lota, Cardiff
16, Friedrich, Cardiff
Sept.
13, Excalibur, Hamburg
17, James Shepherd, London
17, Orlundin, Liverpool via C'd
22, Coloma, San Francisco
Oct.
16, Jacobine, Liverpool
19, Hermann, Bremen
24, Burmese (s), London
29, Stentor (s), Liverpool
30, Glenlyne (s), London
Nov.
8, Jan Peter, Maastricht
LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.
At London.—Steamers via Suez Canal.
Glenorchy, Rednorshire,
At Liverpool.
Hector (s), Teucer (s)
Nestor (s)

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"GEELEONG," Captain C. FRASER, will
leave this on SATURDAY, the 21st De-
cember, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 6, 1878. de21

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILLA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS,
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON SATURDAY, the 28th December,
1878, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. PEIHO, Commandant PASQUALINI,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPORE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specials will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and so-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specials and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 27th December, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1878. de28

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. "CAELIO" will be despatch-
ed for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 31st December, at
3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Consignment is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 30th December. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A RETURN is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1878. de31

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to CROSS
his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies
that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or
by him, he will collect and pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business
has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS
LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have
this Day Established a BRANCH of their
Firm at Swatow, and have authorized
Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day established myself as
GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENKE.

Office, Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I
and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal
8vo. pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITZ,
Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars
and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs LAW, CHAN, and
Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KING & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision,
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. my29

NOTICE.

FOUNDRY AND DOCK,
FOR SALE OR TO BE LET.

TENDERS will be Received until the
1st JANUARY, 1879, for the absolute
PURCHASE or LEASE for One, Two or Three
Years of all that VALUABLE PROPERTY
known as the CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S FOUNDRY, situated
at Hongkong, Shanghai, in the Empire of
China, comprising several Rows of GO-
DOWNS and DWELLING HOUSES for the
Staff, and several Rows of WORK-
SHOPS, with all TOOLS, &c., complete,
and Covering an Area of about 2½ acres.
The Foundry commands a fine River
Frontage of about 300 feet Long, and is
the most complete for the Building and
Repairing of Ships in China.

Applicants are requested to state the
Terms upon which they will take the above
Property.

SIMILAR TENDERS will be Received
until the 1st JANUARY, 1879, for the
COMPANY'S DOCK, situated at Pootung,
Shanghai, in the Empire of China, which
Dock measures 336 feet by 78 feet, Dock
Entrance 72 feet, River Frontage about
1,200 feet, and Covering an Area of about
1½ acres, with TWO DWELLING
HOUSES, a BLACKSMITH SHOP and
CARPENTER'S SHED attached.

In case of a Sale, one half of the Pur-
chase-Money can remain on mortgage of
the Property, assigned, and in the case of
a Lease, substantial security must be given
for the due fulfilment of the same by the
Lessee. The Company does not bind
itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

For further Particulars, apply to
CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
Hankow Road,
SHANGHAI.

December 5, 1878. ja2

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the SAILOR'S HOME, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

To Let.

WANTED.
POSSESSION 15th JANUARY NEXT,
In a Central Locality.

HOUSE of 4-6 ROOMS.
Apply to
A. B. C.,
China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 13, 1878

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—

No. 2, THE FIRST FLOOR, with im-
mediate possession.

No. 3, THE FIRST FLOOR and BASE-
MENT, either separately or to-
gether, with immediate possession.

As also,
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and One-hall in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. There may be had in Apart-
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit
convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to
TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above-named Company,
Fire and Marine, are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in
China.

METTER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL, \$2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,
General Agent,
pro tem.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Siam and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAN. B. COUGHTRY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore Z., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Aegon	5 h	Stewart	Brit. str.	843	Dec. 13	Linstead & Co.	Amoy & Taiwan	K'loon Dock
Albay	5 h	P. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Dec. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy & Taiwan	21st inst.
Bombay	5 h	Fraser	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Achong	Ningpo & Shanghai	Coast Ports
Ohina	4 h	Ackermann	Ger. str.	648	Dec. 19	Siemssen & Co.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Oliver	2 h	Prowse	Brit. str.	810	Dec. 8	Horne Company, Limited	Bangkok	To-morrow
Dale	3 h	Thompson	Brit. str.	654	Dec. 17	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-morrow
Danube	2 h	Olanchy	Brit. str.	664	Dec. 8	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	Eng Flying
Fame	5 h	Stopani	Brit. str.	117	Dec. 17	H. K. & W. Hong Dock Co.	Europe, &c.	Mail, 21st
Geelong	5 c	Fraser	Brit. str.	1834	Dec. 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	S'pore and Penang	To-morrow
Hakon Adelsten	5 c	Bergh	Norw. str.	1064	Nov. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Hwai Yuen	5 c	Wilson	Chl. str.	735	Dec. 18	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-morrow
Malacca	5 c	Smith	Brit. str.	1840	Dec. 18	Remedios & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Mariveles	5 h	Munos	Span. str.	408	June 28	Kwok Achong		
Nordia	3 h		Brit. str.	783	Dec. 15	Siemssen & Co.		
Olympia	2 h	Nagel	Ger. str.	662	Dec. 19	Melchers & Co.		
Penodo	5 c	Cain	Brit. str.	2297	Dec. 17	Order		
Peruvia	5 c	McKirdy	Belg. str.	43	July 18	W. H. Ray	Australian Ports	28th, noon
Sea Gull	5 c	Robert	Brit. str.	1100	Dec. 11	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Coast Ports	22d, daylight
Somerset	5 c	Pockley	Brit. str.	825	Dec. 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Australian Ports	28th, noon
Thales	5 c	Pocock	Brit. str.	559	Dec. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Yasoo	5 h	P. Ashton	Brit. str.	559	Dec. 12	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.		
Zamboanga	4 h	Arranguren	Span. str.	615	Dec. 12			
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Bass	2 h	Knox	Amer. bge.	880	Dec. 17	Romario & Co.	London	
Alma	7 c	Ohlsson	Swed. bge.	832	Nov. 20	Meyer & Co.	Bombay	
Alva	7 c	Souza	Port. sh.	631	Nov. 8	Brandao & Co.	New York	
Amby Turner	2 h	Neswell	Amer. bge.	991	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.		
Amie S. Hall	5 h	Nelson	Amer. bktns.	455	Nov. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Aristide	5 c	Lehaye	Frer. bge.	899	Nov. 29	Carlowitz & Co.		
Black Watch	5 c	Kenneth	Brit. bge.	491	Dec. 6	Wielor & Co.	Batavia & Samarang	Sanda Slip
Brema	5 c	Timpe	Ger. bge.	898	Nov. 11	Wielor & Co.		
Bui Chao	1 h	Lange	Slam. bge.	888	Nov. 20	Chabane		
Capella	2 c	Andersen	Swed. bge.	307	Dec. 19	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Carnarvonshire	5 h	Flahwick	Brit. bge.	388	Nov. 29	Carlowitz & Co.		
Changio	2 c	Gaultero	Frer. bge.	359	Nov. 14	Borneo Co., Limited		
Changioo	1 c	Bakke	Brit. Sm. sc.	378	Dec. 2	J. J. dos Remedios & Co.		
Christina	5 c	Oppe	Nic. Sm. sc.	896	Dec. 12	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Cingales	1 c	Le Couter	Brit. bge.	880	Nov. 20	Siemssen & Co.		
Civiale	4 c	Nissen	Ger. bge.	183	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Cocoran	5 h		Amer. sch.	868	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.		
Coloma	4 c	Hall	Amer. bge.	900	Oct. 23	Meyer & Co.	London	
Commissary	7 h	Morson	Ger. bge.	968	Nov. 23	Siemssen & Co.		
Concor	2 h	Staples	Brit. sh.	1183	Dec. 8	Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Connaught Ranger	2 c	Murphy	Frer. bge.	458	Nov. 10	Carlowitz & Co.		
Cordona	2 c	Bergius	Frer. bge.	811	Nov. 24	Olyphant & Co.	Rangoon	
Craig Ard	7 c	Barkus	Brit. bge.	669	Nov. 27	Butterfield & Swire	Callao	
Cruiser	2 c	Robertson	Amer. bge.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Demerara	
Danmorth	2 h	Lilienthal	Ger. Sm. sc.	238	Nov. 19	Wielor & Co.	Quinhon	
Daphin	3 h	Staples	Amer. bge.	1128	Sept. 24	Wielor & Co.	Hamburg	Cleared
Diagh	3 h	King	Amer. sh.	441	Nov. 18	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Manila	
Don Quixote	3 h	Beur	Brit. bge.	891	Nov. 9	Wielor & Co.	Rangoon	Cleared
Earl of Devon	2 c	Cler	Brit. bge.	904	Oct. 17	Borneo Co., Limited		
Elizabeth Childs	4 c	Lindbergh	Brit. bge.	904	Nov. 30	D. Museo & Co.	Nagasaki	
Elizabeth Nicholson	8 c	Grierson	Brit. sh.	724	Nov. 2	Carlowitz & Co.		
Emilio V.	2 h	Merello	Ital. bge.	272	Dec. 2	Landstein & Co.		
Esperance	4 h	Gullon	Frer. bge.	814	Nov. 9	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	Rangoon	
Fanny	4 c	Gongon	Frer. bge.	880	Nov. 12	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.	New York	
Firth of Forth	7 c	Cooper	Brit. bge.	829	Nov. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Flaetwing	8 c	Guest	Amer. sh.	865	Nov. 29	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Flanaburg	5 c	Jaacobsen	Dan. bge.	484	Dec. 2	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Florence Nightingale	4 h	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	484	Dec. 2	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Fontenay	4 h	Taylor	Brit. sh.	385	Oct. 17	Order		
Forward	2 c	Vandervord	Brit. bge.	282	Nov. 24	Wielor & Co.		
Friederich	3 c	Bertelsen	Ger. Sm. sc.	594	Dec. 15	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Friedrich	2 c	Dat	Ger. bge.	402	Oct. 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Geniea Bronze	4 c	Trumbach	Ger. bge.	358	Nov. 19	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Hail Columbia	3 c	Brereton	Amer. sch.	849	Nov. 29	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Hamburg	4 h	Kroge	Ger. bge.	498	Nov. 12	Wielor & Co.		
Hanna	5 h	Deucken	Amer. Sm. sc.	566	Dec. 1	Captain		
Hattie N. Bangs	3 c	Bangs	Brit. bge.	296	Dec. 2	Wielor & Co.		
Hawthorn	3 c	Mead	Ger. bge.	872	Nov. 28	Wielor & Co.		
Helene	4 c	Vogel	Brit. bge.	1352	June 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Highlander	4 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	281	Nov. 19	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Holstein	4 h	Kilper	Ger. Sm. sc.	523	Sept. 3	Romario & Co.		
Holstein	4 h	Shaw	Brit. bge.	548	Nov. 24	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Huyton Castle	2 c	Scott	Brit. bge.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.		
Invincible	8 c	Strickland	Amer. sh.	609	Nov. 24	Unterfield & Swire		
J. H. Ingersoll	2 c	Daw	Amer. bge.	211	Nov. 22	Birley & Co.		
Janet	7 c	Benfrey	Brit. Sm. sc.	242	Nov. 24	Wielor & Co.		
Johnan Friedrich	3 h	Krinke	Ger. bge.	453	Nov. 29	Melchers & Co.		
Johnna Smith	3 h	Boesche	Ger. bge.	374	Nov. 29	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
John Foks	4 c	McPherson	Brit. bge.	417	Dec. 14	Melchers & Co.		
Kvik	7 c	Larsen	Norw. bge.	673	Oct. 16	Captain		
Laura R. Burham	2 c	Phillips	Amer. Sm. sc.	245	Oct. 17	Eduard Schellhaus & Co.		
Louisa	3 h	Sherloh	Ger. Sm. sc.	378	Nov. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Lulu	5 h	Maber	Brit. Sm. sc.	648	Dec. 14	Romario & Co.		
Maid of Judah	5 h	Webb	Brit. bge.	511	Nov. 20	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Mandila II	5 c	Gonner	Ger. bge.	368	Nov. 29	Wielor & Co.		
Maroo Polo	5 c	Breckwoldt	Ger. bge.	1165	Nov. 19	Meyer & Co.		
Mathias	7 c	Dawson	Amer. sh.	994	Sept. 19	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Melrose	4 c	Turner	Amer. sh.	361	Dec. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Mercury	7 c	Thurnan	Brit. Sm. sc.	1108	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.		
Min-yon	7 c	Legue	Brit. sh.	621	Aug. 1	Russell & Co.		
Moneta	4 h	Bisset	Brit. bge.	570	Dec. 10	Chabane		
Morning Star	4 h	Michaelson	Slam. bge.	1200	Nov. 11	Messageries Maritimes		
Napier	3 c	Ryde	Brit. bge.	878	Nov. 11	Cheong Woo		
Nardus	3 c	Paul	Brit. bge.	691	Oct. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Niagara	3 c	Paulsen	Ger. bge.	167	Nov. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Nicolaus	3 c	Stilken	Ger. sch.	342	Nov. 28	Carlowitz & Co.		
Paralos	3 c	Pasco	Frer. bge.	576	Dec. 11	Ohlness		
Phaeton	5 h	Schoel	Brit. bge.	298	Dec. 14	Ohlness		
Prince Arthur	3 h	Wills	Brit. bge.	611	Dec. 10	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Rosetta McNeil	3 c	Brown	Amer. bge.	284	Dec. 16	Siemssen & Co.		
San Francisco	3 c	Lamcken	Ger. sch.	607	Dec. 10	Russell & Co.		
S. R. Pearce	8 c	Oakes	Amer. bge.	210	Nov. 20	Wielor & Co.		
Sophie	4 c	Binge	Ger. bge.	100	Sept. 23	W. H. Ray		
Spartan	8 h	Vincent	Amer. sch.	590	Nov. 24	Carlowitz & Co.		
Sis. Adresso	8 h	Leroy	Frer. bge.	1155	Dec. 17	Russell & Co.		
Strathmore	8 h	Miller	Brit. bge.	1090	Sept. 22	Russell & Co.		
Sumatra	8 h	Clough	Amer. bge.	370	Nov. 22	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Talwan	4 h	Jesson	Ger. bge.	258	Oct. 31	Melchers & Co.		
Tartar	3 h	Leemans	Brit. bge.	717	Nov. 6	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
The Goolwa	3 c	Torkilson	Frer. bge.	558	Nov. 15	Carlowitz & Co.		
Theresa & Nelly	3 h	Garcon	Frer. bge.	488	Nov. 11	Wielor & Co.		
Verona	3 h	Sachan	Ger. bge.	698	Oct. 24	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Vesta	4 h	Bartlett	Brit. bge.	808	Oct. 2	Melchers & Co.		
Wilhelm Hameyer	3 c	Bohta	Ger. bge.	518	Dec. 18	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
CANTON								
Or	Brit. str.	789	Dec. 18	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai			